

Belmont Human Rights Commission Meeting
Belmont Town Hall
November 3, 2010

Meeting minutes

Members in attendance: Lisa Bernt, Carl Brauer, Julie Cicalese, Fran Yuan

Members absent: Nan Donald, Chuck Laverty, Paul Solomon, Connie Williams

Liaisons in attendance: Capt. Peter Hoerr (Police Department); Katherine Bonfiglio (Belmont Against Racism)

Meeting began at approximately 7:05 p.m.

- Minutes from October 7, 2010, were unanimously approved, with revision.
 - 3 Phone line: A Belmont resident called and expressed interest in vacancy on the HRC, wanted more information. However, he cannot attend on the night we meet. Fran Yuan will contact him.
- Vacancy: There is still a vacancy on the commission; candidate must be a Belmont resident; discussion regarding how to publicize vacancy (and see above re: phone line.)
- Follow-up to October meeting at Waverley Woods: Fran Yuan sent Nancy Marsh information about Belmont Food Pantry and ESL classes. Lisa Bernt will send Ms. Marsh information and guidance concerning disability access issues, including contact information for agencies who enforce fair access laws: U.S. Dept. of Justice regarding relevant provisions of Americans with Disabilities Act: 800-514-0301; Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination regarding state law prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations 617-994-6000.
 - d Upcoming Events: Belmont Gay/Straight Alliance dinner/meeting: scheduled for Nov. 7 at 5:30 at Fran Yuan's house. HRC members invited.
 - e Discussion of possible program ideas in coming year.
 - 1 Meeting of HRC at Beech Street is scheduled for January 18 at 12:45 p.m.
 - 8 Liaison reports: (1) Capt. Hoerr reported on a Belmont resident who has raised issues with various government officials; police department is addressing situation. Charles Ogletree will be speaking at Social Law Library

(Boston) on his new book on the arrest of Henry Louis Gates, *The Presumption of Guilt*. Anyone interested should contact Social Law Library (www.sociallaw.com) for date and time, and registration information. Belmont Police Dept. has sent two officers to training to better assist veterans. (2) Katherine Bonfiglio reported that BAR is discussing One Book/One Belmont (*Dark Tide*) and a possible tie-in discussion with a film on Sacco and Vanzetti. *Louder Than a Bomb* will be shown at Studio Cinema on November 4.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.